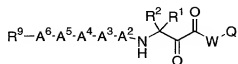


TITLEAlpha-Ketoamide Inhibitors Of Hepatitis C Virus NS3
Protease

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to ketoamide and
ketoester compounds of Formula (I):



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wherein W is -NH- or -O-, or stereoisomeric forms,
stereoisomeric mixtures, or pharmaceutically acceptable
salt forms thereof, which are useful as inhibitors of HCV
NS3 protease, and to pharmaceutical compositions and
20 diagnostic kits comprising the same, and methods of using
the same for treating viral infection or as an assay
standard or reagent.